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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Item 4 (a))

Section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities

1. At its 21st meeting, on 25 June 2001, the Committee considered section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (Sect. 29)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. It was noted that the activities proposed under that budget section was not programmed in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. It was further noted that the results-based budgeting approach had therefore not been used in developing that section, particularly with respect to the programme narratives for the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit. A view was expressed that, although the jointly financed administrative activities were not programmed in the medium-term plan, efforts should have been made to develop the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement that would be suitable for monitoring and evaluation of the activities of the International Civil Service

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Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit. Other views were expressed that, in the absence of the conceptual classification of the activities of ICSC and JIU, a mechanical identification of the indicators could be of limited utility.

4. A view was expressed that, in accordance with its Statute, the Joint Inspection Unit should continue to make efforts to utilize other operational approaches and tools that would enable it to provide a faster response to the issues and problems that fell within the Unit's competence.

5. The efforts to streamline the subsidiary machinery of the Administrative Committee on Coordination were noted. It was pointed out, in that context, that the narrative did not provide sufficient information to allow the Committee to identify clearly the differences and potential complementarities between the two newly established high-level committees, namely the High-level Committee on Management and the High-level Committee on Programmes, nor did it allow an assessment of the advantages of the restructuring of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee took note of the narrative of section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

7. The Committee recommended that the activities related to section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities, be presented in terms of objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, where possible.